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Note by the secretariat

1. This note provides information on the status of submission and review of sixth national communications (NC6s) and first biennial reports (BR1s) from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) as at 15 May 2014.

2. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by decisions 9/CP.16, paragraph 5, and 2/CP.17, paragraph 13, requested Annex I Parties to submit their NC6s and BR1s, respectively, by 1 January 2014.

3. In addition, the COP, by decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 12, adopted the "UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties", noting that developed country Parties shall use the reporting guidelines for the preparation of their biennial reports (BRs). By decision 19/CP.18, paragraph 1, it also adopted the common tabular format (CTF) for those guidelines and decided that developed country Parties shall use the format when preparing and submitting their BRs in accordance with decision 2/CP.17.

4. By decision 7/CMP.8, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) requested Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to include, in their NC6s, the necessary supplementary information required by the "Guidelines for the reporting of supplementary information under Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol" (contained in the annex to decision 15/CMP.1).

5. At the time of the preparation of this note, the secretariat had received NC6s from all 44 Annex I Parties. A total of 26 Annex I Parties submitted their NC6s before the due date of submission in accordance with decision 9/CP.16, while 18 Annex I Parties submitted their NC6s after that date (12 of which submitted them within six weeks after that date). All

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national communications (NCs) received have been posted on the UNFCCC website.[1] Dates of submission and of scheduled review weeks are presented in the table below.

6. At the time of the preparation of this note, the secretariat had received 42 BR1s and 43 BR1 CTFs.[2] A total of 21 Annex I Parties submitted their BR1s and 19 Annex I Parties submitted their BR1 CTFs before the due date of submission in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, while 21 Annex I Parties submitted their BR1s and 24 Annex I Parties submitted their BR1 CTFs after that date (14 of which submitted their BR1s and 16 of which submitted their BR1 CTFs within six weeks after that date). The BR1s of Kazakhstan and Turkey, as well as the CTF of Turkey, have not been submitted. All BR1s and BR1 CTFs received have been posted on the UNFCCC website.[3] Dates of submission of BR1s and BR1 CTFs and dates of scheduled review weeks are presented in the table below.

7. The COP, by decision 23/CP.19, adopted the "Guidelines for the technical review of information reported under the Convention related to greenhouse gas inventories, biennial reports and national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention" and decided to use the review guidelines for the review of BR1s and NC6s starting in 2014 and for subsequent reviews of BRs and NCs until any revisions are decided upon by the COP. The review guidelines state that, in the years in which NCs and BRs are submitted together, both will be subject to an in-country review.

8. The "Guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol" (contained in the annex to decision 22/CMP.1) specify that each NC submitted by an Annex I Party that is also a Party to the Kyoto Protocol shall be subject to a scheduled in-country in-depth review. By decision 9/CMP.9, the CMP requested the secretariat to organize centralized reviews of NC6s for Parties with total greenhouse gas emissions of less than 50 Mt carbon dioxide equivalent (excluding land use, land-use change and forestry) in accordance with their most recent greenhouse gas inventory submission, with the exception of Parties included in Annex II to the Convention, for which the secretariat will organize in-country in-depth reviews.

9. As at 12 May 2014, the secretariat had coordinated 15 in-country in-depth reviews of NC6s. In accordance with the provision of decision 9/CMP.9 mentioned in paragraph 8 above, centralized reviews of NC6s were organized by the secretariat for the following 10 Parties: Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Dates of submission of sixth national communications and first biennial reports and dates of scheduled review weeks, as at 15 May 2014[a]

Annex I Party	*National communication received (date)*	*Biennial report received (date)*	*Common tabular format received (date)*	*Language of submissions*	*Dates of review week*
Australia	5 Aug. 2013	5 Aug. 2013	16 Jan. 2014	English	6–11 Oct. 2014
Austria	10 Feb. 2014	27 Feb. 2014	27 Feb. 2014	English	31 Mar. to 4 Apr. 2014
Belarus	31 Dec. 2013	14 Jan. 2014	30 Dec. 2013	Russian	Planning in progress
Belgium	20 Dec. 2013	12 Feb. 2014	12 Feb. 2014	English	Planning in progress
Bulgaria	30 Dec. 2013	30 Dec. 2013	30 Dec. 2013	English	Planning in progress

[1] <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/7742.php>.

[2] The European Union (EU) submitted CTFs for both the EU-28 and the EU-15.

[3] <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/biennial_reports_and_iar/submitted_biennial_reports/items/7550.php>.

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Canada	20 Dec. 2013 2 Apr. 2014	20 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	English and French	6–11 Oct. 2014
Croatia	12 Feb. 2014	12 Feb. 2014	12 Feb. 2014	English	5–10 May 2014
Cyprus	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	English	5–10 May 2014
Czech Republic	31 Jan. 2014	31 Jan. 2014	31 Jan. 2014	English	7–12 Apr. 2014
Denmark	3 Jan. 2014	3 Jan. 2014	7 Jan. 2014	English	17–22 Mar. 2014
Estonia	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	English	5–10 May 2014
European Union (28)	13 Jan. 2014	13 Jan. 2014	13 Jan. 2014	English	24–29 Mar. 2014
European Union (15)	—	—	15 Jan. 2014	—	24–29 Mar. 2014
Finland	30 Dec. 2013	30 Dec. 2013	30 Dec. 2013	English	7–12 Apr. 2014
France	25 Oct. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	27 Dec. 2013	French, with English abstract	7–12 Apr. 2014
Germany	20 Dec. 2013	20 Dec. 2013	20 Dec. 2013	English	6–11 Oct. 2014
Greece	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	English	3–8 Oct. 2014
Hungary	8 Jan. 2014	8 Jan. 2014	2 Jan. 2014	English	23–28 June 2014
Iceland	7 Mar. 2014	7 Mar. 2014	7 Mar. 2014	English	25–30 Aug. 2014
Ireland	7 Mar. 2014	7 Mar. 2014	20 Feb. 2014	English	19–24 May 2014
Italy	12 Feb. 2014	12 Feb. 2014	10 Feb. 2014	English	7–12 Apr. 2014
Japan	27 Dec. 2013	27 Dec. 2013	27 Dec. 2013	English	6–11 Oct. 2014
Kazakhstan (NC3, 4, 5 and 6)	24 Dec. 2013	Not yet received	26 Feb. 2014	English and Russian	Planning in progress
Latvia	29 Dec. 2013	29 Dec. 2013	29 Dec. 2013	English	5–10 May 2014
Liechtenstein	23 Dec. 2013	23 Dec. 2013	23 Dec. 2013	English	5–10 May 2014
Lithuania	10 Jan. 2014	10 Jan. 2014	10 Jan. 2014	English	5–10 May 2014
Luxembourg	21 Jan. 2014	21 Jan. 2014	22 Feb. 2014	English	24 Feb. to 1 Mar. 2014
Malta	9 Apr. 2014	9 Apr. 2014	9 Apr. 2014	English	5–10 May 2014
Monaco	4 Apr. 2014	14 Apr. 2014	7 Apr. 2014	French	5–10 May 2014
Netherlands	30 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	English	24 Feb. to 1 Mar. 2014
New Zealand	12 Dec. 2013	13 Dec. 2013	13 Dec. 2013	English	24 Feb. to 1 Mar. 2014
Norway	10 Mar. 2014	10 Mar. 2014	10 Mar. 2014	English	6–11 Oct. 2014
Poland	7 Feb. 2014	7 Feb. 2014	7 Feb. 2014	English	Planning in progress

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Portugal	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	6 Mar. 2014	English	7–12 Apr. 2014
Romania	19 Dec. 2013	19 Dec. 2013	19 Dec. 2013	English	23–28 June 2014
Russian Federation	30 Dec. 2013	11 Feb. 2014	17 Feb. 2014	Russian	6–11 Oct. 2014
Slovakia	2 Jan. 2014	2 Jan. 2014	22 Jan. 2014	English	5–10 May 2014
Slovenia	17 Apr. 2014	17 Apr. 2014	28 Mar. 2014	English	5–10 May 2014
Spain	20 Dec. 2013	19 Dec. 2013	19. Dec. 2013	Spanish	5–10 May 2014
Sweden	20 Dec. 2013	20 Dec. 2013	20 Dec. 2013	English	7–12 Apr. 2014
Switzerland	3 Feb. 2014	3 Feb. 2014	3 Feb. 2014	English	7–12 Apr. 2014
Turkey (NC5)	17 Dec. 2013	Not yet received	Not yet received	English	Planning in progress
Ukraine	30 Dec. 2013	30 Dec. 2013	30 Dec. 2013	Russian	Planning in progress
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	20 Dec. 2013	20 Dec. 2013	12 Feb. 2014	English	Planning in progress
United States of America	1 Jan. 2014	1 Jan. 2014	1 Jan. 2014	English	24 Feb. to 1 Mar. 2014

Abbreviation: NC = national communication.

[a] The table specifies the dates of the review of the sixth national communications and first biennial reports only for those Parties with which the dates had been agreed by the time of the preparation of this note. The planning of the remaining reviews is in progress.